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Woman, 72, is identified as Mater (of three) Hari

London (UPI)—A London newspaper said yesterday that a mother of three with the code name "Sonya" ran the British section of a Soviet spy ring that penetrated Prime Minister Winston Churchill's war cabinet and American intelligence.

The Sunday Times said that one of her main agents at one time was an assistant to economist John Kenneth Galbraith and to former Undersecretary of State George Ball.

She was perhaps Moscow's most important spy in Britain and she might have been the spymaster who controlled the notorious spy Klaus Fuchs, who betrayed U.S. atomic secrets to the Russians, the newspaper said.

Lives in East Germany

Now living in East Germany, Sonya was identified as 72-year-old Ruth Kuczynski, who was also known as Ruth Werner, Ruth Brewer and Ursula Beurton.

"Using the cover of a harassed mother surrounded by babies, struggling to get by while her husband was away in the British army, Sonya secretly radioed to Moscow what she described as 'large quantities of top secret material of a military, technical and political nature provided by a number of English sources, some quite high level,'" the paper said.

Her main agent in Britain was said to be her brother, Juergen, who at one time worked for the U.S. Office of Strategic Services, the forerunner of the CIA.